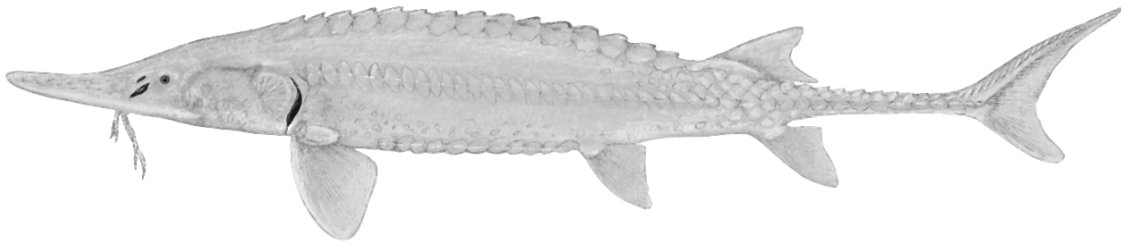


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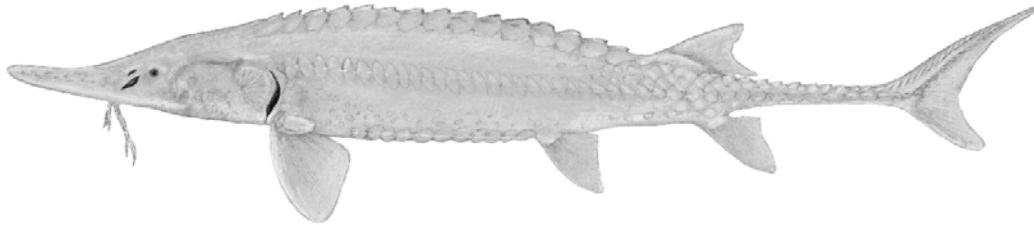
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The Upper Basin Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Workgroup coordinates and implements recovery actions for pallid sturgeon in Recovery Priority Management Areas 1, 2, and 3, encompassing the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers from the mouth of the Marias River to 20 miles upstream from the mouth of the Niobrara River. Recovery efforts in 2003 consisted of monitoring wild and hatchery reared sturgeon, continuation of the hatchery propagation program, and research into pallid sturgeon life history and habitat requirements.

This document contains the meeting notes from the Workgroup's 2003 and March 2004 meetings, as well as project reports from workgroup members, organized into field monitoring and research, propagation and fish health.